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Bitter Reaction as Trump Bails on Climate Accord

257 U.S. Mayors Beg to Differ

By Randy Rodgers
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Some of the 257 U.S. mayors, members of the Mayors National Climate Action Agenda, who recently released an open letter to President Trump to oppose his actions thus far against climate action.

The sustainability community erupted with nearly universal dismay, outrage and resolve in the face of President Donald Trump's

decision to pull the United States out of the Paris climate agreement

promise, pitting his administration against the 77 percent of U.S. citizens who believe climate change is a clear and present danger, and joining only the countries of Syria and Nicaragua in defiance of the accord, which was signed by nearly 200 nations.

The administration's official website at WhiteHouse.gov claims the Paris deal "created a taxpayer funded U.N. climate slush fund," an idea made popular by conspiracy theorists who believe the United Nations' effort to combat climate change is a veiled attempt to erode American sovereignty. Citing disputed facts about the cost in jobs and the "negligible" environmental benefits of the pact, Trump said the Paris Accord was "negotiated badly" by the Obama administration and imposed unrealistic carbon reductions on the U.S. "while giving countries like China a free pass for years to come."

In justifying his decision, Trump famously said, "I was elected to represent the citizens of Pittsburgh, not Paris." That statement ignored two important facts: 1) In the 2016 presidential election, Hillary Clinton won 75 percent of the vote in the city of Pittsburgh; and 2) Pittsburgh and Paris are actually on the same planet, which is really what the Paris Accord was all about.

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ATLANTA -- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced that it is taking final action to approve the state of Georgia's request to...

Energy Department to Fund 19 Tribal Energy Projects

WASHINGTON -- The U.S. Department of Energy Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs announced funding for 19 Indian tribes to take t...

EPA Brownfields Cleanup Funding Announced for Earth Conservancy

WASHINGTON -- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency selected 172 communities and organizations across the country including Earth Con...

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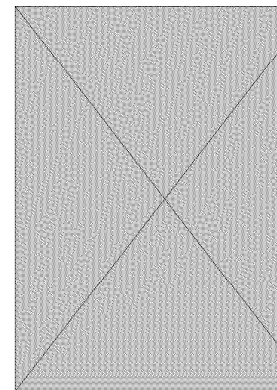
RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA, Calif. -- Applied Medical, a developer and provider of minimally invasive surgical devices, announced the completion o...
WASHINGTON -- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Tom Price, M.D., announced the availability of more than \$70 millio...

Econolite Introduces EOS Traffic Control Software

ANAHEIM, Calif. -- Econolite recently introduced EOS traffic controller software. EOS is a next-generation, easy-to-use, web-based user interf...

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THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

JULY 15 - 21, 2017

MARKUPS

Monday

Transportation-HUD Appropriations

House Appropriations Committee (Chairman Rodney Frelinghuysen, R-N.J.) markup of the FY2018 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations bill. 7 p.m., 2359 Rayburn

Tuesday

Homeland Security/Interior Appropriations

House Appropriations Committee (Chairman Rodney Frelinghuysen, R-N.J.) markup of the FY2018 Homeland Security Appropriations bill; and the FY2018 Interior Appropriations bill. 10:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn

Wednesday

New: State-Foreign Ops/Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations

House Appropriations Committee (Chairman Rodney Frelinghuysen, R-N.J.) markup of the FY2018 State and Foreign Operations Appropriations bill; and the FY2018 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations bill. 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn

Pending Legislation

House Veterans' Affairs Committee (Chairman Phil Roe, R-Tenn.) markup of pending legislation. 10 a.m., 334 Cannon

Kaplan/Emanuel Nominations

Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee (Chairman Lamar Alexander, R-

Tenn.) markup to vote on the nominations of Marvin Kaplan to be a member of the National Labor Relations Board; and William Emanuel to be a member of the National Labor Relations Board. 10 a.m., 430 Dirksen

Pekoske Nomination

Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee (Chairman Ron Johnson, R-Wis.) markup to vote on the nomination of David Pekoske to be assistant Homeland Security secretary for transportation security Administration. 10 a.m., 342 Dirksen

New: Terrorist Travel Legislation

Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade Subcommittee (Chairman Ted Poe, R-Texas) of House Foreign Affairs Committee markup of H.R.425, the "FTO (foreign terrorist organizations) Passport Revocation Act of 2017"; and H.R.1196, the "Counterterrorism Screening and Assistance Act of 2017." 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn

Thursday

Wray/Pending Nominations

Senate Judiciary Committee (Chairman Charles E. Grassley, R-Iowa) markup to vote on the nominations of Christopher Wray to be director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; Trevor McFadden to be a United States district judge for the District of Columbia; Jeffrey Bossert Clark to be an assistant attorney general in the Environment and Natural Resources Division; Beth Ann Williams to be an assistant attorney general in the Office of Legal Policy; and John Huber to be United States attorney for the District of Utah. 9:30 a.m., 226 Dirksen

HEARINGS AND MEETINGS

Monday

HOUSE COMMITTEES

States Ozone Standards Implementation

House Rules Committee (Chairman Pete Sessions, R-Texas) meets to formulate a rule on H.R.806, the "Ozone Standards Implementation Act of 2017." 5 p.m., H-313, U.S. Capitol

Updated: Veterans Educational Assistance

House Veterans' Affairs Committee (Chairman Phil Roe, R-Tenn.) hearing on H.R.3218, the "Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2017." 7:30 p.m., 334 Cannon

SENATE COMMITTEES

State Department Reauthorization/Reorganization

Senate Foreign Relations Committee (Chairman Bob Corker, R-Tenn.) hearing on "A Review of the State Department Reauthorization Bill for FY2018 and the State Department Reorganization Plans." 5 p.m., 419 Dirksen

Tuesday

HOUSE COMMITTEES

SNAP in the Farm Bill

Nutrition Subcommittee (Chairman Glenn Thompson, R-Pa.) of House Agriculture Committee hearing on "The Next Farm Bill: Pathways to Success for SNAP Households." 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth

State/Local Education Reform

House Education and the Workforce Committee (Chairwoman Virginia Foxx, R-N.C.) hearing on "ESSA Implementation: Exploring State and Local Reform Efforts." 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn

Updated: State of the Electric Industry

Energy Subcommittee (Chairman Fred Upton, R-Mich.) of House Energy and Commerce Committee hearing on "Powering America: Examining the State of the Electric Industry through Market Participant Perspectives." 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn

Federalization of Corporate Governance

Capital Markets, Securities and Investments Subcommittee (Chairman Bill Huizenga, R-Mich.) of House Financial Services Committee hearing on "The Cost of Being a Public Company in Light of Sarbanes-Oxley and the Federalization of Corporate Governance." 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn

Federal Natural Resources Laws (Part II)

Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee (Chairman Raul Labrador, R-Idaho) of House Natural Resources Committee hearing on "Examining Impacts of Federal Natural Resources Laws Gone Astray, Part II." 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth

NASA Planetary Flagship Missions

Space Subcommittee (Chairman Brian Babin, R-Texas) of House Science, Space and Technology Committee hearing on "Planetary Flagship Missions: Mars Rover 2020 and Europa

Clipper." 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn

Improving Road Safety

Highways and Transit Subcommittee (Chairman Sam Graves, R-Mo.) of House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee hearing on "FAST Act Implementation: Improving the Safety of the Nation's Roads." 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn

NAFTA Modernization

Tax Policy Subcommittee (Chairman Peter Roskam, R-Ill.) of House Ways and Means Committee hearing on "Modernization of the North American Free Trade Agreement." 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth

Oversight of 340B Drug Pricing Program

Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee (Chairman Tim Murphy, R-Pa.) of House Energy and Commerce Committee hearing on "Examining HRSA's Oversight of the 340B Drug Pricing Program." 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn

GPO Reform (Part II)

House Administration Committee (Chairman Gregg Harper, R-Miss.) hearing on "Transforming GPO for the 21st Century and Beyond: Part 2." 10:30 a.m., 1310 Longworth

Remittances/Money Transfers Terror Financing Risk

Terrorism and Illicit Finance Subcommittee (Chairman Steve Pearce, R-N.M.) of House Financial Services Committee hearing on "Managing Terrorism Financing Risk in Remittances and Money Transfers." 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn

Global Food Security Act Implementation

Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights and International Organizations Subcommittee (Chairman Christopher H. Smith, R-N.J.) of House Foreign Affairs Committee hearing on "Implementing the Global Food Security Act." 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn

Alaska Onshore Oil/Gas Development

Energy and Mineral Resources Subcommittee (Chairman Paul Gosar, R-Ariz.) of House Natural Resources Committee hearing on "Promoting Onshore Oil and Gas Development in Alaska." 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth

New: Pending Business

House Rules Committee (Chairman Pete Sessions, R-Texas) meets to formulate a rule on

H.R.218, the "King Cove Road Land Exchange Act"; H.R.2910, the "Promoting Interagency Coordination for Review of Natural Gas Pipelines Act"; and H.R.2883, the "Promoting Cross-Border Energy Infrastructure Act." 3 p.m., H-313, U.S. Capitol

SENATE COMMITTEES

Comprehensive Tax Reform

Senate Finance Committee (Chairman Orrin G. Hatch, R-Utah) hearing on "Comprehensive Tax Reform: Prospects and Challenges." 9 a.m., 215 Dirksen

Selva Nomination

Senate Armed Services Committee (Chairman John McCain, R-Ariz.) hearing on the nomination of Air Force Gen. Paul Selva for reappointment to the grade of general and reappointment to be vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. 9:30 a.m., G-50 Dirksen

Pending Nominations

Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee (Chairman Michael D. Crapo, R-Idaho) hearing on the nominations of J. Paul Compton to be HUD general counsel; Anna Farias to be assistant HUD secretary for fair housing and equal opportunity; Neal Rackleff to be assistant HUD secretary for community planning and development; Richard Ashooh to be assistant Commerce secretary for export administration; Elizabeth Erin Walsh to be assistant Commerce secretary for global markets and director general of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service; and Christopher Campbell to be assistant Treasury secretary for financial institutions. 10 a.m., 538 Dirksen

Gingrich/Sales Nominations

Senate Foreign Relations Committee (Chairman Bob Corker, R-Tenn.) hearing on the nomination of Callista Gingrich to be ambassador to the Holy See; and Nathan Sales to be coordinator for counterterrorism at the State Department. 10 a.m., 419 Dirksen

U.S. Energy and Resource Security

Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee (Chairwoman Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska) hearing on the status and outlook for United States and North American energy and resource security. 10:30 a.m., 366 Dirksen

Kautter Nomination

Senate Finance Committee (Chairman Orrin G. Hatch, R-Utah) hearing on the nomination of David Kautter to be an assistant Treasury Secretary for tax policy. 11 a.m., 215 Dirksen

New: Intelligence Matters

Senate Select Intelligence Committee (Chairman Richard M. Burr, R-N.C.) closed briefing on "Intelligence Matters." 2 p.m., 219 Hart

Pending Nominations

Senate Armed Services Committee (Chairman John McCain, R-Ariz.) hearing on the nominations of John Gibson II to be deputy chief management officer of the Defense Department; Ellen Lord to be Defense undersecretary for acquisition, technology and logistics; Lucian Niemeyer to be assistant Defense secretary for energy, installations and environment; and Matthew Donovan to be undersecretary of the Air Force. 2:30 p.m., G-50 Dirksen

Four Famines Causes

Multilateral International Development, Multilateral Institutions, and International Economic, Energy, and Environmental Policy Subcommittee (Chairman Todd Young, R-Ind.) of Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearing on "The Four Famines: Root Causes and a Multilateral Action Plan." 2:30 p.m., 419 Dirksen

Achieving a 355 Ship Navy

Seapower Subcommittee (Chairman Roger Wicker, R-Miss.) of Senate Armed Services Committee hearing on "Options and Considerations for Achieving a 355-ship Navy from Former Reagan Administration Officials." 4 p.m., 222 Russell

Wednesday

HOUSE COMMITTEES

Rural Infrastructure

House Agriculture Committee (Chairman K. Michael Conaway, R-Texas) hearing on "The State of Infrastructure in Rural America." 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth

Independent Regulatory Agency Congressional Oversight

Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee (Chairwoman Ann Wagner, R-Mo.) of House Financial Services Committee hearing on "Congressional Oversight of Independent Regulatory Agencies." 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn

Endangered Species Act Reform Legislation

House Natural Resources Committee (Chairman Rob Bishop, R-Utah) hearing on H.R.424, the "Gray Wolf State Management Act of 2017"; H.R.717, the "Listing Reform Act"; H.R.1274, the "State, Tribal, and Local Species Transparency and Recovery Act"; H.R.2603, the "Saving America's Endangered Species (SAVES) Act"; and H.R.3131, the "Endangered Species

Litigation Reasonableness Act." 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth

Energy Innovation Technology

House Science, Space and Technology Committee (Chairman Lamar Smith, R-Texas) hearing on "Energy Innovation: Letting Technology Lead." 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn

Combating Medicare Waste-Fraud-Abuse

Oversight Subcommittee (Chairman Vern Buchanan, R-Fla.) of House Ways and Means Committee hearing on "Efforts to Combat Waste, Fraud, and Abuse in the Medicare Program." 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth

Reversing Entrepreneurship Decline

House Small Business Committee (Chairman Steve Chabot, R-Ohio) hearing on "Reversing the Entrepreneurship Decline." 11 a.m., 2360 Rayburn

Water Resources Reform and Development

Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee (Chairman Garret Graves, R-La.) of House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee hearing on "Building a 21st Century Infrastructure for America: Implementation of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014 and the Water Resources Development Act of 2016." Noon, 2167 Rayburn

Restricting North Korea's Access to Finance

Monetary Policy and Trade Subcommittee (Chairman Andy Barr, R-Ky.) of House Financial Services Committee hearing on "Restricting North Korea's Access to Finance." 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn

U.S.-Caribbean Strategic Engagement

Western Hemisphere Subcommittee (Chairman Jeff Duncan, R-S.C.) of House Foreign Affairs Committee hearing on "Implementing the U.S.-Caribbean Strategic Engagement Act." 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn

Agricultural Guestworkers

Immigration and Border Security Subcommittee (CHAIRMAN R. Labrador, R-Idaho) of House Judiciary Committee hearing on "Agricultural Guestworkers: Meeting the Growing Needs of American Agriculture." 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn

Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation Review

Water, Power and Oceans Subcommittee (Chairman Doug Lamborn, R-Colo.) of House Natural

Resources Committee hearing on "Exploring the Successes and Challenges of the Magnuson-Stevens Act." 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth

Tax Reform

Tax Policy Subcommittee (Chairman Peter Roskam, R-Ill.) of House Ways and Means Committee hearing on "How Tax Reform Will Simplify Our Broken Tax Code and Help Individuals and Families." 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth

Saudi Arabia's Troubling Educational Curriculum

Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade Subcommittee (Chairman Ted Poe, R-Texas) of House Foreign Affairs Committee hearing on "Saudi Arabia's Troubling Educational Curriculum." 2:15 p.m., 2200 Rayburn

SENATE COMMITTEES

New: Pending Nominations

Senate Select Intelligence Committee (Chairman Richard M. Burr, R-N.C.) hearing on the nomination of Susan Gordon to be principal deputy director of national intelligence in the Office of the Director of National Intelligence; Robert Storch to be inspector general of the National Security Agency; and Isabela Patelunas to be assistant Treasury secretary for intelligence and analysis. 9 a.m., 216 Hart

FCC Nominations

Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee (Chairman John Thune, R-S.D.) hearing on the nominations of Ajit Varadaraj Pai to be a member of the Federal Communications Commission; Jessica Rosenworcel to be a member of the Federal Communications Commission; and Brendan Carr to be a member of the Federal Communications Commission. 10 a.m., 253 Russell

Updated: Pending Legislation

National Parks Subcommittee (Chairman Steve Daines, R-Mont.) of Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee hearing on S.257, the "Acadia National Park Boundary Clarification Act"; S.312, the "Saint-Gaudens National Historical Park Redesignation Act"; S.355, to amend the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act to provide for a lifetime National Recreational Pass for any veteran with a service-connected disability; S.391, the "African Burial Ground International Memorial Museum and Educational Center Act"; S.841, the "National Veterans Memorial and Museum Act"; S.926, the "Global War on Terrorism War Memorial Act"; S.1073, the "Escambia County Land Conveyance Act"; S.1202, the "Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site Boundary Modification Act"; S.1403, the "21st Century Conservation Service Corps Act of 2017"; S.1438, the "Gateway Arch National Park Designation Act"; S.1459, to establish Fort Sumter and Fort Moultrie National Park in the State of South Carolina;

and S.1522, to establish an Every Kid Outdoors program. 10 a.m., 366 Dirksen

Wildlife Protections

Senate Environment and Public Works Committee (Chairman John Barrasso, R-Wyo.) hearing on S.1514, the "Hunting Heritage and Environmental Legacy Preservation (HELP) for Wildlife Act," to amend certain Acts to reauthorize those Acts and to increase protections for wildlife. 10 a.m., 406 Dirksen

Postal Service and Implications for the Hatch Act

Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee (Chairman Ron Johnson, R-Wis.) hearing on "The Postal Service's Actions During the 2016 Campaign Season: Implications for the Hatch Act." 10 a.m., 342 Dirksen

Foreign Agents Registration Act Enforcement

Senate Judiciary Committee (Chairman Charles E. Grassley, R-Iowa) hearing on "Oversight of the Justice Department's (Non) Enforcement of the Foreign Agents Registration Act: Lessons from the Obama Administration' and Current Compliance Practices." 10 a.m., 226 Dirksen

Pending Nominations

Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee (Chairman Johnny Isakson, R-Ga.) hearing on the nominations of Brooks Tucker to be assistant VA secretary for congressional and legislative affairs; James Byrne to VA general counsel; Michael Allen to be judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims; Amanda Meredith to be judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims; and Joseph Toth to be judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. 1:30 p.m., 418 Russell

New: Intelligence Matters

Senate Select Intelligence Committee (Chairman Richard M. Burr, R-N.C.) closed hearing on "Intelligence Matters." 2 p.m., 219 Hart

Thursday

HOUSE COMMITTEES

Future of Hardrock Mining

Energy and Mineral Resources Subcommittee (Chairman Paul Gosar, R-Ariz.) of House Natural Resources Committee hearing on "Seeking Innovative Solutions for the Future of Hardrock Mining." 9 a.m., 1324 Longworth

Bipartisan Medicare Improvement

Health Subcommittee (Chairman Michael C. Burgess, R-Texas) of House Energy and Commerce Committee hearing on "Examining Bipartisan Legislation to Improve the Medicare Program." 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn

Gangs in Our Communities

Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security and Investigations Subcommittee (CHAIRMAN Jim Sensenbrenner, R-Wis.) of House Judiciary Committee hearing on "Gangs in Our Communities: Drugs, Human Trafficking, and Violence." 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn

New: Rural Telehealth Services

Agriculture, Energy and Trade Subcommittee (Chairman Rod Blum, R-Iowa) of House Small Business Committee hearing on "21st Century Medicine: How Telehealth Can Help Rural Communities." 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn

SENATE COMMITTEES

Housing Finance Access for Small Lenders

Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee (Chairman Michael D. Crapo, R-Idaho) hearing on "Housing Finance Reform: Maintaining Access for Small Lenders." 10 a.m., 538 Dirksen

FirstNet Emergency Response Network

Communications, Technology, Innovation and the Internet Subcommittee (Chairman Roger Wicker, R-Miss.) of Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee hearing on an update of the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet). 10 a.m., 253 Russell

New: Pending Nominations

Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee (Chairwoman Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska) hearing on the nominations of Brenda Burman to be commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation at the Interior Department; Susan Combs to be assistant Interior secretary for policy, management and budget; Paul Dabbar to be Energy undersecretary for science; Douglas Domenech to be assistant Interior secretary for insular affairs; David Jonas to be general counsel of the Energy Department; and Mark Wesley Menezes to be Energy undersecretary. 10 a.m., 366 Dirksen

Water Infrastructure Financing and Funding

Fisheries, Water and Wildlife Subcommittee (Chairman John Boozman, R-Ark.) of Senate Environment and Public Works Committee hearing on "Innovative Financing and Funding: Addressing America's Crumbling Water Infrastructure." 10 a.m., 406 Dirksen

New: Intelligence Matters

Senate Select Intelligence Committee (Chairman Richard M. Burr, R-N.C.) closed hearing on "Intelligence Matters." 2 p.m., 219 Hart

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